'Secret Agents of Change' Say U.S. Intelligence Embracing LGBT Spies

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A U.S. intelligence community that once forced out gays and lesbians for security reasons now sees inclusivity as the best way to protect the country, and seeks to recruit spies from a wider talent pool that includes the LGBT community.

At a session titled America's LGBT Spies (Secret Agents of Change) held at the South by Southwest tech summit in Austin, Texas, the panelists said for the U.S. intelligence community - with a \$60 billion-plus budget and more than 100,000 employees - to attract the best talent, it must embrace diversity.

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